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THE National Academy of Sciences met at Washington on April 16, 17, 18 and 19, Professor O. C. Marsh, president, in the chair. The following members were reported as present :

Professor C. Abbe, Gen. Henry L. Abbot, U. S. A., Professor Alexander Agassiz, Professor George F. Barker, Professor Carl Barus, Dr. John S. Billings, Professor H. P. Bowditch, Mr. Lewis Boss, Professor W. K. Brooks, General Thomas L. Casey, U. S. A., Professor Charles F. Chandler, Professor S. C. Chandler, General Cyrus B. Comstock, Professor E. D. Cope, Professor Russel H. Chittenden, Professor Theodore N. Gill, Professor Wolcott Gibbs, Mr. G. K. Gilbert, Professor G. Brown Goode, Professor Benjamin A. Gould, Professor Arnold Hague, Professor Asaph Hall, Professor Charles S. Hastings, Mr. George W. Hill, Professor O. C. Marsh, Professor T. C. Mendenhall, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Professor A. A. Michelson, Mr. Edward S. Morse, Professor Simon Newcomb, U. S. N., Professor Ira Remsen, Professor Henry A. Rowland, Professor Charles A. Schott, Professor John Trowbridge, General Francis A. Walker, Professor Charles A. White.

The papers entered to be read were as follows :

1. *On Some Variations in the Genus Encope* : A. AGASSIZ and W. McM. WOODWORTH.
2. *Notes on the Florida Reef* : A. AGASSIZ.
3. *The Progress of the Publications on the Expedition of 1891 of the U. S. Fish Commission Steamer 'Albatross,' Lieut. Commander Z. L. Tanner, commanding* : A. AGASSIZ.
4. *On Soil Bacteria* : M. P. RAVENEL. (Introduced by J. S. BILLINGS.)